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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GULF AND WESTERN REACTION TO REASONER PROGRAM

1. APPRECIATE TELEPHONIC DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT YESTERDAY
OF REASONER SHOW FROM COUNTRY DIRECTOR BURKE.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT LENGTHY TELEPHONE CALLS YESTERDAY, G&W
BOARD CHAIRMAN BLUHDORN AND VICE PRESIDENT LEVINSON
DESCRIBED TO AMBASSADOR IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THEIR REACTION
TO THE PROGRAM. "UNFAIR" AND "BIASED" WERE THE MILDEST TERMS.
AMBASSADOR LIMITED HIS COMMENT TO STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD REACH
HIS OWN JUDGEMENT AFTER HAVING SEEN VIDEO CASSETTE WHICH BEING
FORWARDED.

3. THIS MORNING LEVINSON CALLED AMBASSADOR AGAIN TO GIVE HIM
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. THE FOLLOWING IS ACCORDING TO LEVINSON:
G&W YESTERDAY SENT TELEGRAM TO WILLIAM SHEEHAN, PRESIDENT ABC
NEWS TO EFFECT THAT DESPITE LATTER'S ASSURANCES THAT PROGRAM
WOULD TREAT G&W IN POSITIVE FASHION (SUCH ASSURANCES EVIDENTLY
GIVEN IN LIEU OF PERMISSION TO G&W FOR PRIOR REVIEW OF PROGRAM)
G&W FOUND PROGRAM TO BE PRODUCT OF HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM.
CONSEQUENTLY, G&W OBLIGED TO TURN MATTER OVER TO ITS COUNSEL (IN
THIS INSTANCE, CY VANCE, FORMERLY WITH DOD). SHEEHAN IN REPLY
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MAINTAINED PROGRAM WAS FAIR AND OFFERED G&W OPPORTUNITY TO REBUT.

SUBSEQUENTLY, G&W RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ELSON RULE, ABC

PRESIDENT, WHO SAID HE HAD JUST SEEN PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME AND WAS VERY DISTRESSED AND DISMAYED OVER UNFAIR TREATMENT G&W RECEIVED. RULE REQUESTED COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO SHEEHAN.

4. LEVINSON SAID THAT BLUHDORN NOW CONTEMPLATING MAKING A ONE-HALF HOUR TELEVISION FILM ON "PROGRESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC" WHICH HE INTENDS AS A GENERAL, RATHER THAN POINT-BY-POINT REBUTTAL.
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